Wasatch Homeless Health Care, Inc.

Utah

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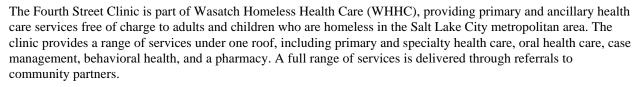
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Project Description



Services

WHHC provides primary health care, medical referrals to specialists, patient assistance prescription program, onsite pharmacy, behavioral health and substance abuse treatment, lab work, transportation, immunizations, dental care, eye glasses, nutritional counseling, health education, HIV/AIDS referral and counseling, TB testing/follow-up, temporary medical emergency housing, respite care program, WIC, family planning, women's health services, podiatry, dermatology, physical therapy, and case management. WHHC also supports primary care clinics at Fourth Street Clinic on Monday and Thursday nights and Saturdays. WHHC provides primary health care services to homeless and runaway youth offsite Monday and Wednesday evenings. Medical outreach is conducted in parks, homeless camps, and on the streets. The program employs 3.0 FTE mid-level providers, a part-time family practice medical director, full-time pediatrician, full-time pediatric RN, five care coordinators, three medical assistants, and two client services advisors. Half of the staff are Spanish-speaking. Additional clinical support is provided by Primary Children's Hospital IHC and volunteer physicians, nurses, medical students, and others. WHHC oversees housing for up to eight people in treatment for tuberculosis and provides respite care through local facilities.

Linkages

Psychosocial casework and entitlement assistance are provided under an agreement with The Road Home (shelter). Mental health case management and treatment for severe diagnoses are referred to Valley Storefront, a division of Valley Mental Health Services. WHHC also refers clients to substance abuse treatment under an agreement with the Substance Abuse Services Division of Salt Lake County. WHHC works closely with city, county, and state health departments and the University of Utah Health Sciences Center on disease control, particularly TB, West Nile Virus, and Hepatitis. City and county housing authorities are partners in helping homeless service providers solve the critical housing shortage for people who are homeless. WHHC co-manages a housing unit for TB patients with Housing Authority of Salt Lake County. WHHC also has linkages with Youth Resource Center, a drop-in center for homeless youth.

Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 3,200 Project users: 5,314

